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States, the most southern localities previously known being in the Catskill Mts., N. Y. In Stony Clove, of those mountains, Mr. Redfield saw in 1865, and Mr. Isaac H. Hall has since seen it in the Kaaterskill Clove of the same mountains. J. H. R.

§ 296. **Publications.**—1. *American Journal of Science and Arts*, Jan. and Feb. From Dr. Gray's book notices we cull the following items. "The *Nelumbium* of South American proves to be *N. luteum* and the Japanese *N. nuciferum* is thought to be hardly different." "*Cucurbita Pepo* is thought to be of Asiatic origin; perhaps rightly. But our Indians had it, along with *Nicotiana rustica*, which is certainly an old-world species." The North American *Fungi exsiccati* of Messrs. Ravenel and Cooke, and of Messrs. Ellis and Farlow are noticed. The former may be obtained of H. W. Ravenel, Aiken, S. C., the latter of J. B. Ellis, Newfield, N. J. The Botanical necrology for 1878 is a long list: Elias Magnus Fries, of Upsal, aet. 84; Ludwig Pfeiffer of Cassel, aet. 72; Andrew Murray of Edinburgh, aet. 66; Andrew Bloxam, English, aet. 76; Francois Vincent Raspail of Paris, aet. 87; Sulpiz Kurtz of Calcutta; M. Durieu of Bordeaux, aet. 82; Charles Pickering, M.D., of Boston, aet. 73; Moritz Seubert of Carlsruhe, aet. 60; Thomas Thomson of Glasgow (and India), aet. 60; Giovanni Zanardini of Venice, aet. 74; Roberto de Visiani of Padua, aet. 77; Barthelemy Charles Du Mortier of Belgium, aet. 82; Elias Borszczow of Kiew (Russia); James McNab of Edinburgh, aet. 69; Stephen T. Olney of Providence, the Caricologist, aet. 66; James Watson Robbins, M. D., of Uxbridge, Mass., the authority on Potamogetons, aet. 77; James Bigelow, M. D., of Boston, "the most venerable of botanists," and of whom Dr. Gray promises a fuller notice. We are promised a notice of Dr. Robbins. 2. *The Botanical Gazette*, Jan. and Feb. Dr. Vasey describes a new *Panicum*, *P. littorale*, found by Mr. Charles Mohr of Mobile on the drifting sands of the Gulf coast. Mr. Coulter has been exploring the flora of Northern Indiana, Mr. Curtiss the Shell Islands off the coast of Florida. 3. *The American Naturalist*, Jan. and Feb. Prof. J. E. Todd writes on "certain contrivances for cross-fertilization in flowers," *Iris*, *Martynia*, *Penstemon*, *Lobelia*; John A. Ryder, on the ultimate physical unit of living matter; Alfred W. Bennett, on the "Absorption of water by the leaves of plants;" Moses N. Elrod on "Seeds of the Violet and other plants as projectiles." 4. *American Quarterly Microscopical Journal*, Hitchcock & Wall, 150 Nassau St., N. Y., contains several articles of interest; The classification of the Algae, with plate, Rev. A. B. Harvey; Forms of Saprolegnieae, continued, Frank B. Hine; Classification of the simplest forms of life, B. Eyferth.

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